

***Dignity/New York Liturgy In Person & Broadcast on Zoom
Celebrating 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time, November 5, 2023***

Everyone is welcome to join us via Zoom.us
06:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)
Zoom meeting opens at 6:00 PM.

Link is at the end of the announcements. When you log on for Liturgy, you will be placed in a waiting room, please log on before liturgy to make sure you are in the room as liturgy begins,

Zoom Instructions and Preparation

- When signing into Zoom liturgy, kindly type your name and where you're joining us from in your caption.
- Please be prepared to share Eucharist with us.
- We invite everyone to have bread and wine / grape juice present if you are able to and feel comfortable doing so. We are called to share in the priesthood of all believers in this Eucharistic celebration.
- Bread recipes are available on our [website Liturgy page](#).
- Mute mic and chat functions help to optimize your experience during the liturgy.

Dignity/New York gathers proudly as a faith community of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex and Straight Catholics and our friends. We welcome people of all sexual orientations and gender identities. We welcome all to our liturgies regardless of their faith tradition, and all are invited to share in the Body and Blood of Christ at Communion. Our community has both ordained and lay presiders whom we have called forth to lead us during our liturgies.

As a progressive and inclusive Catholic community, we use gender-inclusive language. For example, you will notice that we use "All-loving God" instead of "Our Father" when reciting the Greatest Prayer. We make our best efforts to change our hymnals and printed materials as necessary, but they do not always reflect our use of gender-inclusive language. Please feel free to change any non-inclusive language as you prefer.

Also in the interest of inclusivity, our community has intentionally chosen to use the language of the Mass prior to the revision of the Roman Missal in 2011.

WELCOME:

OPENING HYMN: For the Healing of the Nations

GC 719

1. For the healing of the nations,
Lord, we pray with one accord;
For a just and equal sharing
Of the things that earth affords.
To a life of love and action
Help us rise and pledge our word.
2. Lead us now, Lord, into freedom,
From despair your world release;
That redeemed from war and hatred,
All may come and go in peace.
Show us how through care and goodness
Fear will die and hope increase.
3. All that kills abundant living,
Let it from the earth be banned;
Pride of status, race or schooling,
Dogmas that obscure your plan.
In our common quest for justice
May we hallow life's brief span.
4. You, creator God, have written
Your great name on humankind;
For our growing in your likeness
Bring the life of Christ to mind:
That by our response and service
Earth its destiny may find.

Text: Fred Kaan, b.1929, alt., 1968, Hope Publishing Co.

SIGN OF THE CROSS & GREETING:

PENITENTIAL RITE:

OPENING PRAYER:

FIRST READING: Malachi 1:14 – 2:2, 8-10

RESPONSORIAL: Psalm 130: With Our God There is Mercy

GC 127

Refrain: With the Lord there is mercy, and fullness of redemption.

1. From out of the depths, I cry unto you,
Lord, hear my voice, come hear my prayer;
O let your ear be open to my pleading.

2. If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt,
then who could stand within your sight?
But in you is found forgiveness for our failings.

3. Just as those who wait for the morning light,
even more I long for the Lord, my God,
whose word to me shall ever be my comfort.

Text: Psalm 130:1–2, 3–4, 5–6; Marty Haugen, © 1983, GIA Publications, Inc.; refrain trans. ©
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SECOND READING: **1 Thessalonians 2:7-9,13**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: ***Celtic Alleluia*** **GC 258**

GOSPEL READING: **Matthew 23:1-12** **Bob Anthony**

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION: **Bob Anthony**

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL: *Christ, hear us.*

PRESENTATION HYMN: **My Refuge** **GC 610**

In you, O God, my refuge I take; I will not be afraid.

1. In your justice save me; turn your ear to me. O Lord make haste to answer me.
In you, O God...

You, O God, are my rock, my fortress, and my strength;
for your name's sake you will lead and guide me.

In you, O God...

3. I will rejoice in the Lord, be glad of your kindness to me.
Lord, let your face shine upon me, your servant.

In you, O God...

You will free me, O Lord, from out of my captor's snares;
for you are my refuge you are my hope.

In you, O God...

5. Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit to you.

For you will redeem me, faithful God.

In you, O God...

Text: Psalm 31; Dennis Vessels, b.1953, 1982, Dennis Vessels

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER:

(Based on Reconciliation II)

Introductory Dialogue as in the standard Order of Liturgy.

Preface Acclamation: Sanctus

GC 166

Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power, God of might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

God of power and tenderness, we praise you through your Son, Christ Jesus, who comes in your name.

Jesus is the Word that brings salvation, the hand you stretch out to sinners, the way that leads to your peace.

Eternal God, we had wandered far from you, but through your beloved One, you have brought us back. You gave him up to death so that we might turn to you and find our way to one another. And so we celebrate the reconciliation Christ has gained for us.



We ask you to sanctify these gifts by the power of your Spirit, as we now fulfill Jesus' command.

While he was at supper on the night before he died for us, Jesus took bread into his hands and gave you thanks and praise. He broke the bread, gave it to the disciples and said: Take this, all of you, and eat it. This is my Body, which will be given up for you. **(PAUSE)**

At the end of the meal, Jesus took the cup and giving thanks to you, said: Take this, all of you, and drink from it. This is the cup of my Blood, the Blood of the new and everlasting covenant. It will be shed for you and for all so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in memory of me. **(PAUSE)**

Presider: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

Memorial Acclamation

GC 167C

C. When we eat this bread, when we drink this cup,
we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus, until you come in glory.

Eternal God, your only One has entrusted to us this pledge of love. We celebrate the memory of Jesus' death and resurrection and bring you the gift you have given us, the sacrifice of reconciliation.

Fill us with the Spirit through our sharing in this meal. May the Spirit take away all that divides us. May this Spirit keep us always in communion with our pope, our bishops, the leaders of our community, and the people of God everywhere. Make your church throughout the world a sign of unity and an instrument of your peace.

You have gathered us here around the table of our Savior, in communion with Mary, Mother of God, and all the saints and all those who have gone before us in faith. In that new world where the fullness of your peace will be revealed, gather people of every race, every language, and every way of life to share in the one eternal banquet with Jesus our Savior.

Eucharistic Doxology And Amen

GC 168

Through Christ, With Christ, In Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours All-loving (Almighty) God, for ever and ever.

Amen, amen, amen!

Amen, amen, amen!

THE GREATEST PRAYER:

(please begin "Our Ever-loving God, who art in Heaven...")

THE PEACE:

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD: *Lamb of God*

GC 171

Jesus, Lamb of God,
you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Jesus, Bread of Life,
you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Jesus, Prince of Peace,
you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Last time:
Jesus, Lamb of God;
you take away the sins of the world: grant us your peace.

COMMUNION: *Everyone is welcome to receive the Body of Christ.*

COMMUNION HYMN: Be Not Afraid

GC 608

1. You shall cross the barren desert,

but you shall not die of thirst.
You shall wander far in safety
though you do not know the way.
You shall speak your words in foreign lands
and all will understand.
You shall see the face of God and live.

Refrain: Be not afraid.
I go before you always.
Come, follow me,
and I will give you rest.

2. If you pass through raging waters
in the sea, you shall not drown.
If you walk amid the burning flames,
you shall not be harmed.
If you stand before the pow'r of hell
and death is at your side,
know that I am with you through it all.

To Refrain

3. Blessed are your poor,
for the kingdom shall be theirs.
Blest are you that weep and mourn,
for one day you shall laugh.
And if wicked tongues insult and hate you
all because of me,
blessed, blessed are you!

To Refrain

Text: Isaiah 43:2–3, Luke 6:20ff; Bob Dufford, SJ, b.1943
Tune: Bob Dufford, SJ, b.1943; acc. by Theophane Hytrek, OSF, 1915–1992
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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

CONCLUDING HYMN: They'll Know We Are Christians

GC 735

1. We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored:

And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

2. We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land:
And they'll know we are Christians...
3. We will work with each other, we will work side by side,
We will work with each other, we will work side by side,
And we'll guard human's dignity and save human's pride:
And they'll know we are Christians...
4. All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,
And all praise to Christ Jesus, his only Son,
And all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one:
And they'll know we are Christians...

Text: Peter Scholtes, b.1938, 1966, F.E.L. Publications, assigned to The Lorenz Corp., 1991

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Announcements and Acknowledgement

We encourage those who are Zoom to stay on after the closing song to chat. Those at St. John's, please bring hymn book and any extra papers to the sacristy while exiting through the common room if you are staying for the social.

Please check the **DignityNY YouTube** page for Sunday Gospel and Homilies.

Community/Chapter to Reflect and Provide Input at St. John's on Saturday, November 11, 2023, 1 pm - 5 pm.

1:00-1:30 opening mindfulness and meditation followed by a brief discussion.

1:30-2:30 The State of the Community. Where have we been? Where are we currently?

2:30-3:15 Lunch/Snacks

3:15-4:45 The State of our Future. Open discussion and follow up on previously discussed items.

4:45-5:00 Closing remarks and comments.

[Register now for our Advent Reflections—beginning November 29!](#)

November 1, 2023 | by DignityUSA | DignityUSA invites you to participate in our Advent Reflection Series for 2023. We are celebrating Pope Francis' welcome to all and his prophetic words given at a World Youth Day address: "Todos! Todos! Todos!" Todos means "all." All are welcome to join us for an advent-themed reflection on the week's readings, followed by group discussions.

The Little Blue Book Advent and Christmas Seasons has arrived! Advent starts on November 29, 2023. We want everyone in the community to have a book. The books are available at church now. If you

are not able to pick one up at church, we will gladly ship one to you- email dignitynewyork@gmail.com with your mailing address and one will be shipped.

DignityUSA Membership Meeting Registration Now Open

Our annual membership meeting will be Saturday, November 18 at 2:00pm ET/11:00am PT, 9:00am HT. This meeting will be held via Zoom. This is an opportunity to hear from the DignityUSA Board about programmatic and fiscal accomplishments during Fiscal Year 2023.

Ballots were emailed the Members of Two Proposals to Amend DignityUSA Bylaws. The Proposals involve:

Removal by the Board of Directors Annual Meetings

- **October 23 – November 21:** 30-day voting period (electronic and paper ballots)
- **December 6:** Notification to Membership of the outcome of the vote

This email begins the comment period. You will receive a second email in October with the final proposals, a summary of all comments received, a ballot and return envelope.

You are welcome to direct questions to me at Secretary@dignityusa.org at any time. Again, we appreciate your participation in this effort.

Global Network of Rainbow Catholics is sponsoring the petition below.



[This campaign needs you now](#)

Tell the Pope: We need openly LGBTIQ+/Family representation at the Synod!
chnng.it

For those who are unable to watch Executive Director Marianne Duddy-Burke's keynote "Learning from Dignity: 50 Years of Ministry with LGBTQ Catholics" at the Outreach Conference you can click the link below.

[Watch Keynote](#)

Jeff Stone has copies for sale of Sam Albano's book: *God's Works Revealed: Spirituality, Theology, and Social Justice for Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Catholics*. See Jeff if interested.

Support Transgender and nonbinary people by going to DignityUSA.org to sign the beloved by God Declaration. Take a moment to look up transgender history, make a donation, honor a transgender person today.

Volunteering at Liturgies

If you are interested in serving as a volunteer for our liturgy: help open and close the church, reader, coordinator, sacristan or tech person, we are always looking for volunteers. Please let Larry Caputo or Lewis Speaks-Tanner know you are interested. Volunteer@dignityny.org

THE CHOIR is seeking new members. Speak to our Choir Director, **Norine**, if interested. • Auditions and Choir Practice will be in the choir loft at St. John’s ½ hour before liturgy.

Liturgy Committee will meet the second Monday at 7:30 pm on Zoom. All are welcome. The Liturgy Committee is looking for more committee members. Meeting ID: 952 513 812 Passcode: 998088

Steering Committee meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:30 pm on Zoom. All are welcome. Meeting ID: 857 2315 4226 Passcode: 697371

Come to the Table: Catholic Worship for All - 3rd Sunday of the month • **10:30 am to 12 Noon**. For more information, email **Patricia Russell** at ComeToTheTable@DignityNY.org

DefendersUSA Leather & Kink caucus, meets the third Tuesday of each month via Zoom at 8:30 pm ET. Talk to Lewis Speaks-Tanner or Tom McLoughlin for more details.

The Trevor Project

Crisis intervention and mental health services for those ages 13-24

<http://www.thetrevorproject.org/>

Crisis hotline: 866-488-7386 (for those ages 13-24)

Trans Lifeline (US) 877 565-8860 www.translifeline.org

National Suicide Prevention Hotline

24/7 hotline, staffed by trained individuals, for those in suicidal crisis or emotional distress

<http://www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org/>

Crisis hotline: 800-273-TALK (8255); 888-628-9454 (en español)

Steering Committee members: Chris Alberti, Danny Larkin, Tom McLoughlin, James Osbourn, Lewis Speaks-Tanner, Jeff Stone and Daniel Velasquez

The Dignity/New York community enjoys and values your company in the celebration of our liturgy each week. Donations to Dignity/New York can be made by using the “Donate Now” located on our website or use the link below:

<https://dignityusa.app.neoncrm.com/forms/donate>

We encourage to become a member of DignityUSA (and Dignity/New York). By joining, you increase DignityUSA’s voice. <https://dignityusa.app.neoncrm.com/forms/membership>

For more information about DignityNY or to view our **calendar**, visit our website **home page** at

<https://dignityny.org/>

To join our electronic announcements (e-Bulletin) list, send an e mail dny@dignityny.org, or use the link on our home page.

To submit items for consideration for distribution via our electronic announcements postings, send them to dignitynewyork@gmail.com

Friend us on **Facebook:** [Dignity New York](#)

DIGNITY/NEW YORK IS A SAFE SPACE. Feel free to greet those around you and to social, remembering to respect every person’s comfort level. If anyone breaches your comfort level, please let a member of the Steering Committee know. (The members of the Steering Committee can be identified by the rainbow-colored name tags they wear).

PHOTOS AND VIDEOS AT LITURGY. In keeping with our Safe Space policy, Dignity/New York is a place where privacy is respected. Our policy of many years is that the taking of photos or videos during liturgy or the social is not allowed without permission being given in advance by the Steering Committee. In these cases, the community will be notified in advance, and will be told where and when cameras will and will not be allowed to shoot. Personal or small group photos should be taken or posted to social media only with the permission of each person involved.

The link to join the meeting is

<https://zoom.us/j/231599312?pwd=bHJMT1NZOEtERE1oOTQwdS84NU45Zz09>

You will be put into a waiting room. Please join before liturgy begins so that you can participate. If you experience issues joining, please email dignitynewyork@gmail.com or text Lewis 917-836-5014.

For those joining by phone or through an app, you will need meeting ID and password:

Meeting ID: 231 599 312 Password: 333 333

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